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Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2007, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 49th and 51st meetings, on 5 and 13 June 2008. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/62/SR.49 and 51).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 (A/62/749);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Mission in the Sudan for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 (A/62/785 and Corr.1);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/62/781/Add.16).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.55

4. At its 51st meeting, on 13 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan" (A/C.5/62/L.55),

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submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Nicaragua.

5. Before the consideration of the draft resolution, the Secretary of the Committee orally corrected the text as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 1, after the date "30 June 2006", the word "and" was added and the phrase "and 62/___ of _____" was deleted;

(b) In operative paragraph 16, after "60/266", the word "and" was added and the phrase "and 62/___" was deleted.

6. At the same meeting, statements were made by the Chairman of the Committee as well as the representative of Japan (see A/C.5/62/SR.51).

7. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.55, as orally corrected, without a vote (see para. 8).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

8. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1590 (2005) of 24 March 2005, by which the Council established the United Nations Mission in the Sudan for an initial period of six months as from 24 March 2005, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1812 (2008) of 30 April 2008, by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 30 April 2009,

Recalling also its resolution 59/292 of 21 April 2005 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 61/289 of 29 June 2007,

Recalling further its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in its resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the trust fund in support of the peace process in the Sudan,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Mission in the Sudan as at 30 April 2008, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of $167.3 million United States dollars, representing some 5 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only thirty Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every

[1] A/62/749 and A/62/785 and Corr.1.

[2] A/62/781/Add.16.

possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Reaffirms* section XX of its resolution 61/276, and encourages the Secretary-General where feasible, to enhance regional and inter-mission cooperation with a view to achieving greater synergies in the use of the resources of the Organization and the implementation of mandates of the missions, bearing in mind that individual missions are responsible for the preparation and implementation of their own budgets and for controlling their own assets and logistical operations;

11. *Also reaffirms* paragraph 32 of its resolution 62/232 of 22 December 2007;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that future budget submissions contain sufficient information, explanation and justification of the proposed resource requirements relating to operational costs in order to allow Member States to take well-informed decisions;

13. *Decides* to approve 20 of the 28 United Nations Volunteers for property management proposed by the Secretary-General in paragraph 101 of his report;[3]

14. *Takes note* of paragraphs 45 and 50 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his next overview report, to include information on the environmental policy, guidelines and pilot study as referred to in paragraph 174 of the report of the Secretary-General;

[3] A/62/785 and Corr.1.

16. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of the relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

17. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

19. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;[4]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

20. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Mission in the Sudan the amount of 858,771,200 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, inclusive of 820,720,600 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 33,169,900 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 4,880,700 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

21. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 715,642,666 dollars for the period 1 July 2008 to 30 April 2009, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

22. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 21 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 18,685,833 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 15,708,583 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 2,655,917 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 321,333 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

23. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 143,128,534 dollars for the period from 1 May to 30 June 2009, at a monthly rate of 71,564,267 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

24. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 23 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 3,737,167 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 3,141,717 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 531,183 dollars of

[4] A/62/749.

the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 64,267 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

25. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 21 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 159,505,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in its resolution 61/237;

26. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 159,505,000 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 25 above;

27. *Also decides* that the decrease of 1,662,100 dollars in the staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 159,505,000 dollars referred to in paragraphs 25 and 26 above;

28. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

29. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

30. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

31. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Sudan".